

**SOAR SSC Teleconference #2**  
**18 October 2011**  
**10:00 – 10:30am**

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Participants: Phyllis Stabeno, Sue Moore, Lisa Guy, Jackie Grebmeier, Chad Jay, Heather Crowley, Tom Weingartner, Taqulik Hepa, Carin Ashjian, and Robert Suydam

Sue welcomed new SOAR SSC member, Taqulik Hepa, Director of the North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife, who will serve on the committee in lieu of Harry Brower, who is unable to participate.

The SSC meeting in Seattle is only two weeks away, November 1-3. The goals for this meeting are to (1) flesh out the science themes discussed on Telecon #1 (21 September); (2) agree on a list of invited scientists to Workshop-I; and (3) prepare that invitation.

When thinking about the people who will be science contributors, we need to consider what expertise is needed to address the science themes. The group discussed the need for marine chemistry expertise, as well as additional expertise in fish and seabirds. Sue requested that the SSC members think about additional scientists that should be invited to the workshop, and to send any names to her in the next week or so.

A list of potential science contributors, along with revised science themes, will be sent out to the SSC, with a Draft Agenda for the meeting about 5 days before the November meeting. SOAR Workshop-I will have a maximum of 50 people, but likely closer to 35 participants.

A Doodle poll will be sent to the SSC this week to determine if the week of March 12<sup>th</sup> or March 19<sup>th</sup> would be better for the SSC Workshop. The meeting will be 3 to 3.5 days in Anchorage.

Sue informed the group about a new NPRB-lead, industry-funded synthesis project with the same geographic footprint and a similar intent as SOAR. Francis Weise indicated that their synthesis will be conducted in 2 steps: 1) gap analysis of where data are needed & synthesis of available data; and 2) development of an Arctic science program for 2014, similar to BEST/BSIERP for the Chukchi and Beaufort. There will be an RFP in late November for part 1, which will likely begin summer 2012. Sue informed Francis what we are planning, and shared some of our introductory material. We will keep him in the loop with our work to set the stage for these synthesis projects to be complimentary. Lisa reported that all travel arrangements are going well and some SSC members have already received their tickets. We will make a Skype or other video conferencing arrangement so that Carin can join the November meeting remotely. Dee Williams from BOEM will be joining us in November, as well as Heather Crowley, the SOAR COR.